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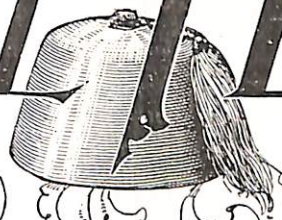

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GRAND MATRON O. E. S., OF IOWA.

## THERE IS NO DEATH.

[BY J. L. M'CREARY.]

"There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellowed fruit,
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize,
And feed the hungry moss they bear;
The forest leaves drink daily life
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,
And flowers may fade and pass away;
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread,
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them 'dead,'

He leaves our hearts all desolate;
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones
Made glad these scenes of sin and strife,
Sings now an everlasting song
Around the tree of life.

Where'er he sees a smile too bright,
Or heart too pure for taint and vice,
He bears it to that world of light,
To dwell in Paradise.

Born unto that undying life,
They leave us but to come again;
With joy we welcome them the same—
Except their sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead."

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[From the Report on Fraternal Correspondence in Iowa Grand Bodies.]

## CORRESPONDENCE GLEANINGS.

### GRAND LODGES.

There are no "burning questions" agitating the craft at the present time. The quiet might be painful but that we love peace rather than strife. The Grand Representative system seems in a fair way to go into "inocuous desuetude." Several Grand Jurisdictions have abandoned it during the past year as useless, or as an occasion of misunderstanding and unfraternal strife. The Mississippi rules, in their present form, have evidently failed of approval by a majority of American Grand Lodges; yet the discussion which they have called forth will be fruitful of good results. Some modification of the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction will occur at no remote day. The Wisconsin rules, similarly, have failed of general indorsement; and yet to all thoughtful minds the desirability of some general and uniform rules dictated alike by justice and by courtesy, appears desirable. * * * * * * * * * *

The outlook is promising. The jubilee anniversary of several Grand Lodges have brought out much valuable historical data, all of which is instructive to the student and inspiring to the workman. Yesterday is to be reversed because of to-day; blossom and fruit are the crown of the early toilers labor; but to-day affords chief occasion for joy because to-morrow is possible. We have a goodly heritage from the past; it behooves us to hand a better heritage to the future. This will we do if true to the best that the elder days have transmitted to us, and also to the best which broader knowledge, higher ethical standards, and nobler ideals offer us today.—*Dr. Cox, Iowa, 1895.*

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I do not know of more profitable or pleasant reading for the Masonic student than the papers annually prepared and published by your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. They are too little appreciated by the Craft. Brethren are not conscious of the value of this department of our literature, and [are] unmindful of the labor, research and attainments necessary to its composition.—*Kentucky.*

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We believe that a worthy non-affiliated Mason has all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, the same as the affiliated brother, and, therefore, he *has* the right to prefer charges against a brother who may have committed an offense against the fraternity of which both are members.—*Maryland.*



## MOHAMMEDANISM OR DEATH.

FORTY THOUSAND ARMENIANS SAID TO HAVE RENOUNCED THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH.

The report is sent out from Constantinople that the number of Armenians who have nominally accepted Mohammedanism in various provinces of Turkey since the massacres is now estimated at somewhat over 40,000. These people are "converted," some in the heat of the massacre, to save their lives; some in cold blood to save their wives and daughters from dishonor; some in hunger, to secure food offered by officials on this condition, and some on receiving assurances recently that Christianity will no longer be tolerated in the empire, and that security can be restored in no other way. In some districts the government has allowed these forced converts to return to their own faith. In other districts the Turks have informed them that they will all be killed if they attempt to return to Christianity. In some districts, notably in the mountainous parts of the province of Aleppo, these forced converts are daily flogged if they do not go to the mosque, and if at mosque they make errors in the liturgy.

Great difficulty is being experienced in distributing relief in many of the villages which have been plundered, as local committees are unwilling to handle funds through fear.

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## OCHSMANIA.

The arrest of the notorious Roumanian, Jacques Ochs, peddler of bogus Masonic degrees, brings to mind the fact that what for form sake we'll call Ochsmania, is a most prevalent and dangerous disease among men and Masons. The glare of so-called higher degrees after one's name, 33°, 90°, 96°, 1001°, etc., catches any number of moths notwithstanding the fact that there are wise brethren in every community who could have imparted the Masonic knowledge that the cheap John business is not only clandestine, irregular, no-good; but like all the confidence games is simply a reversion to an old played trick, ("working suckers?") that gives no standing in Masonry or among regularly made Masons. One of the best remedies for the Ochsmania is a few doses of common sense; careful observation, and a careful reading of our literature on the subject of "side" additional and "higher" degrees.

The attack usually follows the visit of an infected or defected individual who wears a charm big enough to crush a smaller man in size; the symptoms are a swelling of the head, an upward rolling of the eyes and the illusion of seeing stars, moons, and mystic numbers dance before the eyes. Were more of our brothers to settle down to know Masonry thoroughly and to work at its beautiful lessons there would be fewer difficulties to break up this fever that has so often heated the blood and broken out on the face of the Institution. We thank God that Jacques Ochs has been found out to be a wolf parading in steer skin and that he's about to enter the chamber of reflection to meditate upon his rascally meanness to ignorant followers who are innocent victims of his.

The Ochses who are making dupes of their Masonic brethren will still go on we presume, posing as martyrs, and roping in the younger masters, in spite of laws and in the face of the whole Masonic world, as they have been doing before,—and there will be a lot of victims to grab hold of the rope too. Beware brethren, of Ochsmania.

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## THE GREAT LIGHT IS THERE.

The Gran Dieta of Mexico has not only revoked the charters of all lodges of Women and intradicted their making as Masons; but has ordered the "Use of the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses on all Masonic altars in the Symbolic Lodges of the Republic of Mexico." The Gran Dieta being a legally constituted body and thus complying with the principles of the Institution, should be recognized.

## DEMISSION.

We have waited hopefully to hear some news of the wonderful increase in active membership which the new demit law of 1893 would bring. We are not opposed to the law, never were, except that we do not believe in the position in which an UN-AFFILIATE who becomes such by withdrawal, and without charges being preferred, is placed.

Since reading a decision made by our present M. W. Grand Master, we think the new law will prove as generally satisfactory as the old. See decision 9, p. 242, Nov. number of this journal:

"A demitted Mason may petition any lodge for affiliation. *He is not limited to the nearest lodge.*"

We hold that where the reasons are sufficient for the individual he may "petition the lodge" he wishes to join and if elected therein, he may transfer to the other lodge with the same freedom that he might have done under the old law. There are circumstances under which such a step would work a wholesome reform, and in others a wholesome extinction. We do dot believe that any Master Mason should be forced to continue his membership in one lodge because it is nearest to his residence, when for reasons satisfactory to himself he would be happier in another. If he is not comfortable let him go If he makes the lodge uncomfortable because he's unhappy, let him go, and if he is yoked unevenly by his relations in one lodge and wants to get away, for pity's sake let him go, and do it quick.

Now, don't let the brethren fall on us like a thousand of bricks because this seemingly extravagant position is taken. We want to see everybody happy in Masonry. We don't want to see anybody unhappy, and we do want to see every Master Mason in the world a member of *some* lodge. Make that STRONG, but the other, let tact, genius, and progress dictate there.

## ACCURACY.

One of the most cogent reasons for the publication of and the reading by the craft of a Masonic Journal is the fact that not one in twenty of the secular papers ever succeed in giving anything like an accurate report of fraternal events. Without setting up as a critic, we have been watching in vain for three years for a daily paper that would or could muster enough acquaintance with the outside history of Masonry to give the merest particulars correctly. This does not apply to the fraternal department in daily or weekly journals conducted by craftsmen, but to the general run beside, there is seldom an exception. To find ones self thus annoyed with doubts of accuracy leads to a feeling of discredit toward other statements. This matter is confirmed in another direction and that is in the giving of religious news, where to our certain knowledge, small district meetings have been so inaccurately reported that the uninformed were led to imagine that a General Council had been in session, while a great national body would be likely to be reported as a meeting of no consequence. We do not hesitate to say it that no Freemason can keep fully abreast of the times without reading a representative Masonic journal in whose columns at least a measure of accuracy is likely to prevail.

## GEN. B. F. BUTLER.

From the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. R., we glean the information that "General Butler was made a Master Mason Dec. 3, 1846, in Pentucket Lodge, Lowell, Mass. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Mount Horeb, R. A. Chapter, Feb. 12, 1855; was created a Knight Templar in Pilgrim Commandery June 19, 1855, at Lowell, Mass. He was installed as Honorary Sovereign Inspector General, 33°, of the N. M. J., of the United States, March 16, 1864."



## INTEMPERANCE AND EXCESS.

We fully believe that it is the duty of every Master Mason, as much as it is that of the "J. W." in the South, to see that no brother "converts the purposes of refreshment into intemperance and excess." It is no more a breach of good manners or good morals for a man to abuse the social privileges of a private home than it is to abuse those of a Masonic gathering; and it is an abuse of both in either case. We ought never to forget that we are presumed to be "good men and true" and that our habits should impress the outside world to respect us under all circumstances. "Ye, then, that are strong, ought to bear with the infirmities of the weak," by keeping within due bounds with all mankind, more especially with brother Masons. We are not fanatical at all, nor narrow in the matter of individual tastes but we do earnestly urge that all abuses should be rebuked by a careful observance upon the part of the craft of the proprieties imposed upon us in the obligations and covenants of the Order.

## THE SPHINX CAP DISCOVERED.

Col. Roum, an American, has discovered the cap of the Sphinx at a depth of fifteen feet. It is painted red and adorned with three lotus columns and the serpent. It will doubtless be replaced on the Sphinx head where it belongs.

## THE LAKE SHORE LINE.

This magnificently equipped line out of Chicago for Cleveland, Buffalo, Niagara Falls and the East, is making preparations for the entertainment of its pilgrims in the coming months. It was over this line that the fastest run ever made was accomplished. Those going to Cleveland in June to the Imperial Council have their attention called to the information that is forth-coming as soon as rates are settled. For full information write C. K. Wilber, Western Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

# THE LODGES.

### GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

### GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL.....GRAND MASTER
Iowa City.
Willis S. Gardner.....Senior Grand Warden
Clinton.
W. L. Ehlers.....Junior Grand Warden
Correctionville.
H. T. Blackburn.....Grand Treasurer
Des Moines.
T. S. Parvin.....Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

H. B. Wyman.....Deputy Grand Master
Sheldon.
N. R. Parvin.....Deputy Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.
Rev. Jas. Edmundson.....Grand Chaplain
Marshalltown.
O. P. Worsley.....Senior Grand Deacon
Red Oak.
J. H. Cable.....Junior Grand Deacon
Danville.
G. W. Lipe.....Senior Grand Steward
Council Bluffs.
J. H. Valentine.....Junior Grand Steward
Mason City.
O. W. Treman.....Grand Marshal
Newton.

CUSTODIANS.

C. T. Granger, (1899) Prest., Des Moines.
G. B. Van Saun, (1897) Secretary, Cedar Falls.
W. P. Allen, (1901) Dubuque.

## HERBIE ELLIOTT.

Original readers of this journal will remember the death of Brother Herbert Elliott, a Freemason residing in Marion, who left to mourn his death, Mrs. Mattie and two sons, Herbie and Owen. On April 4, while at play in a cave in his own home door-yard, the earth fell in and caught Herbert, crushing out his young life instantly. A pall of gloom was cast over our entire city, for mother and children are beloved by all. We believe we voice the deepest sympathy of all Masonic families in Marion when we say to our sister and her friends, "We mourn with you by the column that is broken."

Word comes quite direct that the projected Masonic Temple, of Cedar Rapids, is assured. It will be a fine six-story structure, with stores, offices and auditorium below the fifth and sixth stories, which will be devoted to Masonic uses.

A neat roster and directory of Trinity Lodge 208, for 1896, Davenport, has been sent us by Brother R. R. Henderson, S. W. It was printed by Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers.

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## PATON.

We spent an evening recently with the Masonic brethren of Paton, where a good sized audience gathered to hear a lecture on Freemasonry. This little lodge has in it the spirit of progress and will continue to be a help to the Order and a blessing to the community.

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## TROJAN LODGE U. D.

This organization is now among the things that be, in the city of Marion, where a number of brethren sought and received a dispensation to open and form a lodge of Masons. We anticipate prosperity for the new lodge without detriment to the old. Let brotherly love prevail and all will be well.

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## J. G. REICHARD.

Again has the gavel fallen in the East, and another life closed in this life to resume existence in that beyond. The above named brother was born December 5, 1824, in Pennsylvania; died April 4, 1896, in his 72d year.

He has been for many years an active Freemason, filling many offices in various bodies, all of which he belonged to. His illness lasted about three weeks, being pneumonia. Marion Lodge No. 6, conducted the Masonic burial ceremonies at the house and at the grave. A large number of brothers and friends attended.

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Peoria Consistory, Peoria, Ill., held a semi-annual convention April 13, 14, 15, at which a large class was passed through the several degrees.

# THE ROYAL ARCH.

## CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ———, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Marshalltown, Oct. 15, 1896.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

### ELECTED.

L. T. WELD.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Nevada.

Max. Beehler.....Deputy Grand High Priest
Manchester.

W. D. Irvine.....Grand King
Sioux City.

W. F. Cleveland.....Grand Scribe
Harlan.

R. F. B. Portman.....Grand Treasurer
Decorah.

Alf. Wingate.....Grand Secretary
Des Moines.

### APPOINTED.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER.....Grand Chaplain
Marion.

H. H. Barnard.....Grand Captain of the Host
Elkader.

R. J. Crouch.....Grand Principal Sojourner
DeWitt.

W. W. Montgomery.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
Red Oak.

F. M. Thompson.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
Rock River.

F. M. Dance.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
Missouri Valley.

N. T. Hendrix.....Grand Master of the First Vail
Columbus Junction.

Theo. Schreiner.....Grand Guard
Mt. Pleasant.

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Companion E. I. Alderman, P. H. P., of Marion Chapter No. 10, of Iowa, visited with Hays City Chapter, Hays City, Kan., and speaks in high praise of their perfect work in all the Chapter degrees. He says they are alive down there and can instruct visitors even from Iowa.

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## GENERAL THANKS.

To Venerable Chief, John Corson Smith, of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Illinois, for the Tenth Annual Report. As everything from his hands, it is crowded with interesting matter.

To R. W., Brother Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Kan., for the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, held in Wichita, Feb. 19–20, 1896.

To Companion Wm. Bowen, GrandSec'y., for Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Dec. 11, 1895.




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[BY ALBERT PIKE.]

"The Past is the Fate of the Present;
Is a realm no change that knows;
Is the Lawgiver of the future,
The Source of its joys and woes;
The dead years are diadem's Monarchs,
Whom the years that come after obey;
And yesterday is as remote from us
As the Stars are far away."

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We welcome *The Commercial Appeal*, Sunday edition, (why not some other day?) to our exchange list and especially as our Illustrious Brother, Bun. F. Price, is to edit the fraternal department. Success and experience attend it.

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While we're on this line we might as well say that, we wonder that our great periodicals do not more fully provide for this open field of usefulness. Sports and crimes get notice, why not also the fraternities?

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Yes, we acknowledge that it is largely a thankless task to increase interest in a wider intelligence regarding the excellent tenets of the Order, but what of that, we'll have learned something, and maybe in time not to let all be wasted either.

We may be furnishing encouragement to keep some Mason from subscribing for this journal because he's got a secular journal with a fraternal department. Well, we don't care, so the fellow reads something. We've too many Masons who have *taken* the degrees and know nothing about the principles of the institution.

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## GENERAL THANKS.

To R. W., Brother Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, for the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication.

To Ill. Brother, Gil. Barnard, for a great number of favors.

To Ill. Brother, R. J. M. Coleman, for notice of the Eleventh Special Reunion of the A. A. S. R. bodies in Des Moines, Ia., March 24–27, '96.

To Ill. Brother, Jno. L. Powell, for like notice from Wichita, Kan., for Apr. 7–9, '96.

To Ill. Brother, C. W. Cushman and Theo L. Wadsworth, for like favors from Buffalo Consistory S. R., for March 24–27, '96.

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## FOR EXCHANGE AND SALE.

Brother Wm. Elsom, Cedar Rapids, wants 1884 Grand Chapter Iowa O. E. S. Also offers $1.00 each for originals of Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1844, '46, '47.

We Want:—Proceedings Imperial Council N. M. S., No. 1 to 13, 14 to 19 years. 50 cents per year offered. Also Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Iowa, for 1879, '83, '84, '91.

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# COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1896.

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Grand Encampment) Iowa, Missouri and Ohio—Sir Knight Geo. M. Moulton, V. E., Grand Captain General, Chicago, Ill., Representative.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

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| T. B. LACY | Council Bluffs. | GRAND COMMANDER |
| T. R. Ercanbrack | Anamosa. | Deputy Commander |
| F. H. Loring | Oskaloosa. | Grand Generalissimo |
| Geo. W. Bever | Cedar Rapids. | Grand Captain General |
| John W. Geiger | Marion. | Grand Prelate |
| J. H. Pettibone | Burlington. | Grand Senior Warden |
| D. M. Brownlee | Sioux City. | Grand Junior Warden |
| E. B. Shaw | West Union. | Grand Treasurer |
| Alf. Wingate | Des Moines. | Grand Recorder |
| F. E. Fuller | Jefferson. | Grand Standard Bearer |
| Alex. Peddie | Emmettsburg. | Grand Sword Bearer |
| W. W. Straight | Atlantic. | Grand Warder |
| Theodore Shreiner | Mt. Pleasant. | Grand Sentinel |

## SIR KNIGHT F. E. FULLER.

Among the most genial and whole-souled of the Boston travelers last summer, was our Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Frank E. Fuller. Hale and hearty then, it is difficult for us to realize that he is dead and buried now; yet such is the fact. He was taken ill March 23, and died April 4. A memorial service is announced for April 19, at Jefferson, his late home. He was a member of Morning Star Lodge A. F. & A. M., No. 159, Corner Stone Chapter, R. A. M. No 64, and of Emmaus Commandery Knights Templar No. 35, and at the time of his death was an officer of the Grand Commandery of the state, holding the position of Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Commandery. Farewell Sir Knight till we meet again.

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Hugh De Payens Commandery 51, K. T., of St. Joseph, Mo., issued a beautiful Easter Notice. We should have enjoyed being there.

## GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF IOWA.

APARTMENTS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

CIRCULAR NO. 2.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Mch. 18, '96.

*Eminent and Dear Sir:*

The annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery convenes at Templar Park in July next.

It is anticipated that there will be a large gathering at this conclave.

Already over fifty rooms in the apartment house have been engaged. If you have not secured quarters for yourself and the representatives of your Commandery, write to Geo. W. Bever, G. C. G., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who has charge of the apartments. There are vacant now, twenty-five (25) rooms on the first floor and twelve (12) on the second floor.

We call your attention to this matter, at this date, in order that you, or the representatives of your Commandery, may be provided for before attempting to assign rooms to individual Sir Knights.

Each room accommodates two (2) persons; three (3) can occupy a room, if necessary, and be comfortable.

A charge of $2.00 per room is made for the term of the Grand Commandery session (Festal Week), there being no charge at any other time.

An early application will secure the accommodations desired.

Courteously yours,

T. B. LACEY, Grand Commander.
ALF. WINGATE, Grand Recorder.

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Apollo Commandery No. 12, K. T., Albert Lea, Minn., sends us an invitation for their annual reception, April 17. We know their hospitality, we've been there.

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We congratulate Eminent Sir Lou Burt, of Detroit, Mich., on his election to the command of that well known Commandery of Knights Templar. Lou is well known also in Shrine circles.



Bethany Commandery 29, Creston, observed Easter in an enthusiastic manner, going to church *twice*, in the morning; to hear Dr. Schwartz, and at 3 p. m. to hear the Rev. Mr. Chard. 'Tis well, "come and see the place where the Lord lay."

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From E. Sir B. W. Rowell, Grand Recorder, came Apr. 10, the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for 1895, Oct. 31. This large volume is particularly valuable because of the numerous illustrations of the events of the Triennial Conclave held in Boston last year.

# THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET:
Iowa Grand Chapter, Clinton, Oct. 28, 1896.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

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| MRS. JENNIE RULE | Mason City. | GRAND MATRON |
| E. B. DYKE | Charles City. | GRAND PATRON |
| Mrs. M. B. Rathbun | Clinton. | Associate Matron |
| Jno. W. Geiger | Marion. | Associate Patron |
| Maria Jackson | Council Bluffs | Grand Secretary |
| Mrs. E. L. Houghton | Red Oak. | Grand Treasurer |
| Mrs. Delia Meredith | Newton. | Grand Conductress |
| Mrs. Adamson | Le Mars. | Associate Grand Conductress |

APPOINTED.

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| MRS. BADER | Clinton. | GRAND CHAPLAIN |
| Mrs. Luella Usry | Des Moines | Adah |
| Mrs. G. F. Claycomb | Farragut. | Ruth |
| Miss Nellie Harris | New Hampton. | Esther |
| Mrs. Alice Randall | Algona. | Martha |
| Mrs. Stone | Columbia | Electa |
| Mrs. Kate D. Allin | Iowa City. | Warder |
| Theodore Shreiner | Mt. Pleasant. | Sentinel |

We have mailed a copy of this journal to each Secretary of a Chapter as far as we could find one, in Iowa, and to date (Apr. 10) not one reply or offer to help us increase our circulation has come to us. We're not asking alms, but offering profitable employment of spare time for any live Masonic woman in Iowa. We want to get our magazine into every lodge and other Masonic body as soon as possible.

## OUR GRAND MATRON.

We take pleasure in presenting this month a life-like portrait of our beloved Grand Matron of Iowa, Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, of Mason City. She was born in Portland, England, April 4, 1854; was initiated a charter member of Unity Chapter O. E. S. No. 58, Mason City; began as Esther, served as W. M. four years, as Secretary six years. In the Grand Chapter of Iowa she has filled the offices of Esther one year; Treasurer six years; and A. G. Matron two years. She is now serving her first term as Grand Matron and her zeal and devotion to the Order is being felt throughout the state. She hopes to visit every Chapter in the state before Grand Chapter meets. Socially Sister Rule is of the highest standing; as a christian (in the M. E. church) she is active and enthusiastic, and fraternally she aims at perfection in every department of her domain. Among the great Masonic family in which the women are taking so important a part, we need not hesitate to give our Grand Matron a place with the foremost of her sisters and brothers. May she be permitted to continue in the good work of shedding lustre upon the Order of the Eastern Star in Iowa.

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LE MARS, Ia., Mch. 19, '96.

*Rev. John Westley Geiger,*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Le Mars Chapter No. 70, O. E. S., want to be social and also want the chapters of the state to know we are *alive* and if it is *good* for the *Order* (and we believe it is) that the different chapters be heard from, we want to stand as near the head of the line as possible, hence this. We have a strong chapter here in that we have a goodly number of members enrolled, and *good* material in members. The old officers of three years standing, were succeeded by new ones, the out-going Patron, Brother P. F. Dalton acting as installing officer with credit to himself and to the Order. Also the out-going Ma-

tron, Sister Belle Adamson, acting as Marshall, she having committed the work, as well as appropriate poetry, which, with floral presentation, made a very interesting ceremony. The work so far this year is encouraging, we having had several initiations with more to follow, work being well done by new officers. Deputy Grand Matron Belle Adamson gave an evening of instruction and correction where needed, there being very little, our chapter being well up in the work for some years past, and we are proud of it. The Shriners expect to stop at Le Mars on their way across the sands, and the Eastern Stars are planning to feed and WATER (the camels at least). We as a committee have consulted together since writing the above, and have concluded to feed the travelers as well. So far the *menu* looks well, (on paper).

Well, this must be broken off somewhere and this seems to be the place, as I do not think of anything further for the good of the Order.

Yours fraternally,

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Davenport Chapter No. 178, closed its first year with the meeting of March 23d, having prospered well since its institution April 5th, 1895.

Miss Linnie Risley, W. M., who has been absent from the city during the winter is returned, and on this occasion performed for the first time the duties of her office. One candidate was initiated.

The members present were surprised to find the chapter room beautified by the appearance upon the altar of a six-foot star covered with velvet in the appropriate colors, while before the altar lay two large, handsome tapestry-covered kneeling cushions, and in the east stood a dainty white and gold easel for the signet, ornamented with a similar smaller star; all of which was the inspiration and work of Sisters Williams, Johnson and Hageboeck. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation, by Sister Risley on behalf of the chapter, of a beautiful Past Matron's jewel to Sister Lottie B. Maclean. At the first meeting of the month an Eastern Star pin was also presented to Sister Ella Duncan, in recognition of her services as Secretary, gratuitously rendered during the first term.

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Emerson Chapter No. 121 has suffered a severe affliction in the death of Brother Briscoe P. Griffith, Treasurer of the Chapter, and husband of the Secretary, which sad event took place March 2, after a very short and severe illness from pneumonia.

A week before his death Brother Griffith attended the Chapter, where the sisters were making preparations to give "Female Masonry" the following week, and was one of the jolliest and happiest there, full of fun and life, and never in better health; but the following day he was stricken down, and endured untold suffering until his death, but through it all he was the same devoted husband and father he had always been, all his thought being for the welfare and comfort of the dear young wife and little ones he was so soon to leave. His loss is indeed one which can never be replaced. The funeral services were held in the Opera House and were conducted by the ministers of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, after which the remains were taken in charge by Bruce Commandery K. T. No. 34, of Red Oak, of which Brother Griffith was an honored member.

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Wednesday evening was the occasion of a very pleasant and profitable evening's work in the hall of Waterloo Chapter, O. E. S., it being the occasion of a visit from the Grand Matron, Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, of Mason City. Mrs. Rule is very prepossessing in manner, and wins the hearts of the members while giving them the benefit of careful instruction in the work of the Order. While young in years, she is a veteran in the organization, having for nine consecutive years been its Grand Treasurer, elected to the Grand Associate Matron's office in 1894, and last year received the deserved compliment of the highest office within the gift of the Order in the state.

The Chapter spent a busy evening, with the usual order of business, elected three candidates to receive degrees, received applications for admission of three more, exemplification of and instruction in the initiatory work, followed by a social hour and refreshments, and all went to their homes with the thought that it was well to hold a membership in an order "dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness."—*Daily Courier, March 13.*

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## FORTY YEARS AFTER.

In the *Masonic Review* of July, 1856, we found reference to "Female Masonry," and noticing that "Iowa" headed the item we read it more closely. Attention was called by a committee of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, to "a practice advocated in some of our respectable periodicals, and prevailing to a considerable extent in portions of the country, which is no less than that of conferring, by a sort of semi-official ceremony, a manufactured Degree, christened "Star of the East," on *Ladies*—wives and daughters of Masons. We can see no earthly benefit to be derived by submission to these ceremonies, even were they harmless or admissible. The admission of ladies within the Lodge is out of the question;—why then attempt to impose upon them the belief that they can advance a single step in that direction? It is time the progressive inventions of reputed Masonic Degrees should be checked. Otherwise, there is no knowing where the rage for novelties will stop." In those days the above sentiments were quoted with approval in our own state of Iowa. Now, with over one hundred thousand "Stars," thirty Grand Chapters, and a General Grand Chapter, with thousands of Subordinate Chapters in the United States, we simply arise to remark, that a whole lot of changes can take place in forty years. If all the "side degrees" manufactured by Masons, were as worthy, instructive and useful as the "Star in the East" we'd say "let them live, they are a blessing."

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## NEW CHAPTERS.

PANORA, Miss Anna Wildman, W. M.; J. M. Cline, W. P.; Mrs. J. S. Roberts Sec'y.

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There are petitions in the Grand Matron's hands for several others.

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## ITEMS.

*The Texas Freemason* well rebukes the husband who objects to his wife joining the Order on the plea of economy. He may not only have spent $30, Brother Heil, but he may be a Shriner, too.

Our contemporaries should quote the article of Brother Rice of the *Advocate* as well as those of the *Tyler*, if they make any comment at this stage of the game.

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## THANKS.

To R. W., Richard Lambert, for Proceedings of Grand Lodge of La., 1896.

To the Coin Publishing Co., 134 Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., for "A Tale of Two Nations," 25 cents, paper binding, 302 pages. It is from the pen of W. H. Harvey, author of Coin's Financial School, etc.

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Imperial Council, Cleveland, Ohio, June 23, 1896.
El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1896.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1896.

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## TWO OF A KIND.

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### CHESTER T. DRAKE,

ILL. POTENTATE OF MEDINAH TEMPLE,

Was born Feb. 22, 1851, in Sturgis, St. Joseph county, Mich. His occupation is manufacturing brick machinery, in which he is a successful business man. He was initiated August, 1880, as an entered apprentice. He has received all the degrees, including the Scottish Rite in the city of Chicago. He received the 32d degree of that Rite in Oriental Consistory, March 31, 1887. Noble Drake has filled the following offices of Masonic trust with honor: Worshipful Master of Golden Rule Lodge No. 726, Chicago, 1885; High Priest of W. M. Egan Chapter 126, R. A. M., 1890; Eminent Commander of Chicago Commandery 19, K. T., 1893; Grand Master Chicago Council Princes of Jerusalem, of Oriental Consistory, 1894 and 1895. He received the 33d degree Sept. 17, 1895, N. M. J., in Buffalo, N. Y. He is Illustrious Potentate of Medinah Temple N. M. S., 1895 and 1896. Among the active workers in the Order, Noble Drake takes high rank as a man having superior natural ability, rich resources in his cordial manners, and a power in his hearty good fellowship. His career in the greatest American city promises to be successful and conspicuous. We make our salaam!

### WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

RECORDER OF MEDINAH TEMPLE.

To separate these two would do violence to the cases of both, and whatever compliment we might offer to one will equally fit the other. Noble Johnston is a Scotchman, born February, 1852. He is President of the Wm. Johnston Printing Co., a large and successful concern. He was made a Mason in Garfield Lodge 686, of Chicago. He is a member of the other Masonic bodies of his city, including St. Bernard Commandery and Oriental Consistory. He is a Past Master of Garfield Lodge; Past Commander of his Commandery; Senior Grand Warden of Chicago Council P. J., and Recorder of Medinah Temple N. M. S. Noble Johnston has devoted a great deal of time during the past sixteen years to Masonry, and as a consequence he is recognized as a leader and worker everywhere. We really wonder how we'd get along in looking over a crowd of Chicago Shriners, without the genial Recorder of Medinah. May his tribe increase.

## AMONG THE TEMPLES.

The usual activity in Shrine circles has prevailed the past month and the caravans have been tracking the desert on their way to Mecca. India Temple went to Fort Reno, O. T., Feb. 27, and had a great meeting; Ballut Abyad, of Albuquerque, N. M., celebrated amid stirring notes of music, March 7; Eljebel, Denver, followed with the usual thing March 9; Mohammed, Peoria, Ill., was at it on the 10th; Rajah, Reading, Pa., on the 11th; Moila, St. Jo, went to Maryville. "Oh what a night we had." March 13, over forty candidates were made happy amid "showers" of applause and "hot" sand; Islam, San Francisco, carried an unusual cargo of "salt" with a few "dates" to the benighted, at Sacramento on March 14. Things must have gone straight for the Imperial Potentate was on the steering committee; Al Chymia, Memphis, Tenn., worked "Waltergeh" to a finish on March 17; Ziyara, Utica, N. Y., crossed on March 18, so did Irem, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Zem Zem, of Erie, Pa., held a session "for men only" on the 19th. Noble H. C. Alverson writes "come down and see the best work you ever saw done in any temple;" Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kan., celebrated on the same date; and Kaaba, of Davenport, went to Oskaloosa and worked

some thirty candidates the same night; Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y., held high carnival on the 20th; Ararat sailed high, as usual, on the 21st; Tripoli camped in Egyptian Hall, Milwaukee, on the 27th; Medinah, Chicago, had their band out and a most creditable minstrel show and dance on the 27th; Ballut Abyad, of Albuquerque, keeps things moving and the 28th was another gala night with them; Al Kader, Portland, Oregon, sunk a well the same night; Kismet, Brooklyn, N. Y., celebrated "Shawwal" on the 30th; Ismalia, Buffalo, served "rain water" on the same date; Almas, Washington, D. C., sends us a ticket for the 31st, for their "ladies night;" Mecca, the aged, through Saram "the only" sends their sensible style of notice for the 31st; Lu Lu, Philadelphia, Pa., held forth on "all fool's day-night" and announces May 11th as "ladies' night;" El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, went to Le Mars, Iowa, on April 6th, and Kaaba, of Davenport, sailed into Sioux City on the 7th; while Osiris made Wheeling echo with Arab music on the 10th. Lu Lu Temple Band, Philadelphia, gave a grand concert in the Academy of Music, Feb. 29, to a crowded house. It was a fine success. Moila Temple has issued a "dry edict" similar to that of El Kahir. Some may be disappointed but the Order will prosper the more for a little wholesome restraint on the question of liquid hospitality. Sahara, Pine Bluff, issues a Jap-Nap sort of a notice for their trip to Hot Springs, Ark., April 10. Isis, Salina, Kan., is "on top again" with a colored special notice for April 16. They'll enjoy it.

## IMPERIAL IRADE.

The Imperial Potentate announces under March 20th, that the Imperial Council will meet in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 23–24, 1896, just one week later than originally announced.

Don't forget the date.

## WRONG SOMEWHERE.

This journal is not published to voice the individual opinions of the editor, nor to defend any particular class in the Order, so that what we say applies as a principle to whoever offends in the least. It is wrong for the questions at issue between two temples, or between members of a temple, to become the subject of discussion through the secular press. In a case solely of local interest, between Kaaba and ElKahir, lately, this wrong appeared in Sioux City, Dubuque and by copying elsewhere, and it is grossly wrong. The severest censure should be pronounced against peddling our differences into the market place.

## THE PLAINS OF MOILA.

With letters missive and the safe conduct of the Sultana in our pocket, we traveled to St. Joseph, Mo., on March 13, to assist the Illustrious Potentate, Judge Porter, of Plattsburg, Mo., in entertaining over forty sons of the desert at Marvville. We want to be put on record as having a large place in our heart for the Nobles of Moila—gentlemen and Nobles whose passports into Paradise we'd vise at sight, for they are worthy. They know how to work and they know how to entertain.

## EL-KAHIR AT LE MARS.

The pilgrimage of this Temple to Le Mars, April 6, was reported to us as a wonder of its kind. The menageries of the North-West and the ammunition of the Sioux Indians must have been brought into requisition to provide for the great display. Thirty-four sons of the desert went over and were tried and found worthy.

## THE PASSPORT.

From many Recorders come words of approval in regard to our system of Passports and the wish that such an arrangement might be made as would put the matter forth with Imperial authority behind it.



## FUTURE MEETINGS.

The Illustrious Potentate is arranging dates for meetings at Charles City and Ames, during this year.

## DUES ARE DUE

Nobles of El-Kahir will confer a great favor upon the Recorder, with but little trouble for themselves, if they will remit by check or draft instead of waiting until the rush of the Meetings to pay dues.

## TO RECORDERS.

El-Kahir Temple issues a Passport to all her nobles who are in good standing—*good to the 31st of December following.* We will consider it a favor if such Passports are honored when they bear the official seal of this Temple.

## PASSPORTS 1896.

The Recorder is pleased to announce to all El-Kahir Nobles that he is ready to issue Passports of the new form to all whose dues are paid for 1896 or beyond, and that they will be needed in visiting other Temples as a copy in blank has been sent to each Recorder throughout the Imperial realm.

## IMPERIAL COUNCIL TRIP.

As there is no doubt of reduced rates to Cleveland, Ohio, for the Imperial Council in June next, and as there will be a round of lake and rail side trips on that occasion, those who want reservations in the El-Kahir sleeper should look ahead and let the Recorder know.

## KAABA AT SIOUX CITY.

Our other Iowa Temple went on a scalp dance into the happy hunting grounds on the 7th of April, and the usual "freedom of the city" was extended by the Sioux. The press reports put the number of candidates anywhere from forty to seventy. The rain spoiled the parade but the hot sands were kept up on the inside.

## NOT OUR STYLE.

Noble D. S. Chamberlain sends us the following: "A special train of pilgrims from Penyamo, in the state of Michoacan, on the line of the Mexican Central Railway, will reach this capital Sunday night. It is composed of 1,000 shriners to the village of Guadalupe. Another special, with a like number of devotees, will depart from Guadalajara to-day and reach this metropolis tomorrow evening."—*City of Mexico.*

## MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost. Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock.

The names of Nobles are placed on this list when mail addressed from this office is returned as uncalled for or undelivered. This is not a posting list of delinquents, but a request for information about missing Nobles of this Temple. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

| NAMES. | LAST POST-OFFICE. |
|---|---|
| Herbert L. Sill, | Chicago, Ill. |
| A. G. Smith, | Ft. Collins, Col. |
| A. F. Graham, | Mason City, Iowa. |
| Edw. N. Pickering, | Boston, Mass. |
| Rollin E. Smith, | Spokane, Wash. |

## CHARLES CITY, MAY 28.

El-Kahir will go to Charles City, Iowa, on May 28, and Northern sons of the desert can write it in their fezes that it will be "hot sand" and lots of it this time.

Rajah, Reading, Pa., puts another half-tone out, High Priest Hill, and holds a meeting April 8th, '96.

Noble Sam Woods, of Granger, Wyoming, (formerly of Marion), was an Iowa visitor during last month and we shook his hand while he was in Marion.

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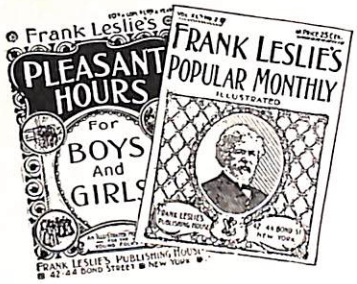


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